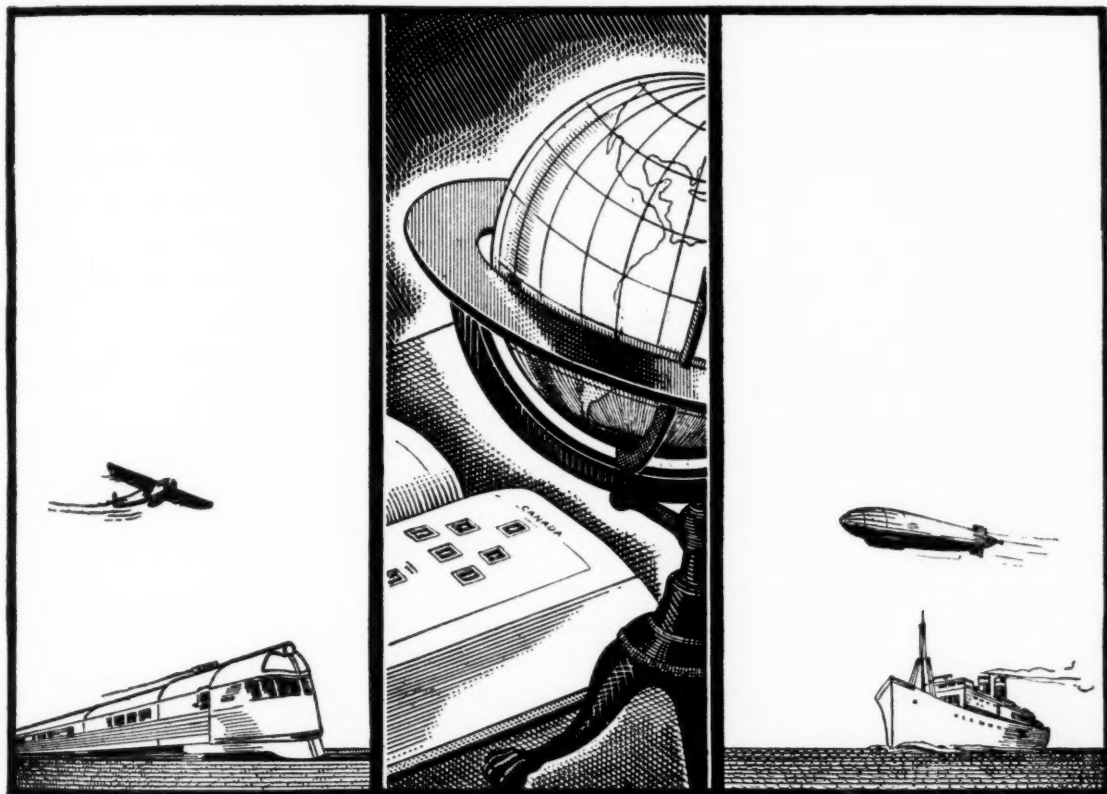


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WHEN Congress in the Revenue Act of July 1, 1862, provided for the levy of a documentary stamp "duty" on various instruments in writing, it brought into being the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue which has continued to exist since that date. In addition to the stamp tax on documents, and on proprietaries, the Commissioner was empowered to effect collection of taxes on income, legacies and distributive shares, the processing of agricultural commodities, on the manufacture of various articles—necessities as well as luxuries, on the gross receipts from sales, advertisements, and auctions, to issue licenses on businesses and professions of every kind for which a fee was charged, and to effect collection of various other taxes.

As in the case of other periods of emergency the government was forced to obtain funds to finance the war against the Southern States, using its taxing power, whether constitutional or otherwise, so that sufficient income would be forthcoming. This problem had become acute prior to 1862, in 1861 Congress levying a tax on real and personal property so that Twenty Million Dollars would be procured. This tax of one and three-quarters mills was to have been included in the tax duplicate of the several counties of each state for that year, and collected in 1862, but as it then became evident that the war was not to be a "Ninety Day affair" to obtain sufficient revenue the Act of 1862 was passed.

The people of the North, and of the South as the Southern States were occupied by the Union armies, had never been faced with a tax program of so great a magnitude, the minor stamp taxes of the early colonial days down to 1823 being only a feeble gesture, and the Federal tax on whiskey after the "Whiskey Rebellion" being short-lived because of the antagonism of the States to the assumption of taxing powers within them by the Fed-

eral Government. It was therefore evident that many mistakes of commission and omission in tax application were made by either the taxpayer or by the assessors and collectors of the large number of districts established in proportion to a States representation in Congress.

It was provided in the Act of 1862, that "stamps denoting the duty charged on any particular instrument, and bearing the name of that instrument on the face thereof" were to be used in order to make that instrument valid. These instrument-named stamps were provided for those made subject to the tax under the Act of 1862, and in denominations the same as those set up in the tax rate schedules. All of them were printed for the Government by Butler and Carpenter, Philadelphia, Pa. Circular Number Twenty signed by Commissioner Joseph J. Lewis under date of August 1, 1864, specifically supports this statement as well as subsequent circular letters. The Historical Reference List of The Boston Philatelic Society also bears this out.

From the outset particular attention was given by the assessors and collectors of the various districts into carrying out the provision as to the proper stamp application, county auditors, recorders, and treasurers being duly instructed, but, because of misunderstanding and the lack of the proper stamps many instruments were not taxed, or were under or over taxed. As a result we find Congress on December 25, 1862, providing "that every instrument is valid provided a legal stamp or stamps, denoting a duty of the amount required, shall have been duly affixed and used thereon." The above quotation is further brought out in the content of a circular letter issued January 12, 1863, signed by Geo. S. Boutwell the first commissioner of Internal Revenue who upon issuing instructions as to the proper purchase of stamps, stated: "As each stamp expresses up-

on its face its kind as well as its denomination, it is desirable that every order should refer to kinds as well as denomination." He further states, "Proprietary stamps, however, cannot be used upon any instrument specified in Schedule B." (The schedule giving the respective rates as applied to documents.)

The change from the use of the proper named stamps to a general use of all the stamps so that an instrument would be valid is attributable by the writer to the following conditions:

1. Inadequate or lack of all the stamps as to kind and denomination on the effective date of the law, October 1, 1862.

After the contract for printing the stamps had been awarded to Butler and Carpenter, it was necessary for them after preparing sketches of all the various stamps to have them approved by the Commissioner, as well as the colors for each denomination. The use of the seals of the several States of the Union had been given consideration, but that plan was disregarded. After approval had been given to the designs, for the first-issue stamps as they are, it was then necessary to rush the preparation of the dies and the procurement of the inks and paper, but in spite of the fact that double duty was performed by all in the printer's employ, only a few of the stamps were available on the effective date, for distribution to meet the heavy demand from all parts of the Union. As stamps were requisitioned for all of the documents the orders could be only filled partially, resulting in many instruments being unstamped, over-taxed, or under-taxed.

Contrary to the usual impression that the imperforated stamps were the result of a systematic plan of issuance, it is well to bring out the fact that the perforating machine equipment of the printer was quite

inadequate. It is disclosed that during the earlier period the printing room was far ahead of the perforating department which resulted in a heavy back-log. To meet the demand it was then found necessary to release the stamps without perforations, and in some cases they were taken from the perforating room after being only partly perforated.

2. Application of the stamps.

An attempt was made at the outset by the Commissioner to supply all the Collection Districts with every kind and denomination, and here it seems that the problem of local or geographical demand had not been given consideration, as it is obvious that in certain parts of the country within the coast line no demand would be occasioned for stamps such as the manifest, bill of lading, or the passage ticket. On the other hand in districts which were primarily agricultural, the bond, twenty-five cent certificates and others were unusable. So that surplus stocks which were unusable in certain districts would be absorbed, the change as to application is attributable.

3. Purchasing of the stamps, the financial aspect.

As postmasters, stationers, county officers, and others, as well as the Collectors of Internal Revenue had the right to purchase and sell the stamps with a commission allowance as given below, many found it impossible to invest a large sum of money in a stock of each kind and denomination for the demand of the community in which they were located. If a sheet of \$1.00 Conveyance stamps were on hand, and a deed requiring \$10.00 in stamps was

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(Continued Next Week)

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Since details of the issue have not been worked out, there is much room for speculation. It is understood that this set likely will consist of ten stamps, five for each branch of the service. Hints are that it will be issued from time to time during the summer, others look for the stamps before summer.

So, the stamp program during spring and summer weighs considerably toward the heavy side of the scales. The above ten stamps, commemoratives for Arkansas and Rhode Island already promised, possibly an exhibition pane for the May celebration in New York and the time ripe for honoring some of the pioneers of the Great Northwest, leave one puzzled as to how many stamps a month it will take to get this stamp spree out of our systems.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue, under date of March 9, stated that due to numerous requests of stamp collectors, they are resuming the sale of the Potato Tax-paid Stamps at their face value, solely for philatelic purposes, until July 1, 1936, unless the present supply is exhausted prior to that date.

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The issue of a commemorative has just been refused by Mr. D. Buser, under whose direction the issuing of stamps for Switzerland, falls. The stamp in question was to have honored the anniversary of the Battle of Sempach, fought July 9, 1386. It was in this battle that the Swiss crushed the Austrian nobility so effectively and which brought peace to Switzerland as a result. Had the Swiss lost the battle there probably would never have been any Switzerland today. The Society of Philatelists in Lucerne were asked to request the Association of Swiss Philatelic Societies to sponsor such a stamp. The President of the latter group went direct to Mr. Buser and presented their request. The reason for the refusal was that if sanction for such a stamp were given, any other society or group of persons would have the same right to make similar requests and expect them to be granted. Collectors probably wish that other countries would take similar action, or at least in a modified form.

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Do not send your own envelopes. Cacheted envelopes will be furnished with your name and address typed on same. Write your name and address and the number of covers desired from each city, on a plain sheet of paper. Enclose four cents for each cover wanted (three cents for postage, balance for defraying cost of envelope and dispatching expenses.) Send all requests to the following address:

"USS YORKTOWN Launching Cachet, c/o Post Office, Newport News, Va." Requests must be received before March 31 to receive preferred attention, postal officials said.

Want Rowland Hill Stamp

Mr. Elton R. Shaw, Executive Secretary of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, is behind a movement to have a commemorative stamp issued in honor of Sir Rowland Hill.

At the Annual Banquet of the Ann Arbor Stamp Club on Saturday evening, February 22, Mr. Shaw made the suggestion that all Michigan clubs urge the cooperation of other clubs, collectors and philatelic journals in a movement to urge the issue of such a stamp next year.

It was on December 17, 1837, that the English House of Commons adopted the plan as suggested by Hill and it is therefore from that date that Penny Postage actually became a reality although the first stamp was not issued until three years later.

A letter in support of the suggestion with a brief story of Sir Rowland Hill has been sent Mr. Farley.

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Well, gang, how do you like the new Texas stamps? On par with the rest of Farley's commemoratives.

Friend Moxley of the Dallas Stamp club sent us a few nice Texas Centennial covers, one from Washington, Tex., one from Huntsville, and one from Dallas—all fine ones and the Dallas cover has the nice Texas map cancel.

CACHET

The Worcester Cover Club will sponsor a cachet for the visit of Admiral Byrd to Worcester, Mass., on April 1. Deadline is March 25, no postage dues and commemoratives appreciated. Covers to Joseph C. Hannigan, 141 Water St., Worcester, Mass. (Joe sends a copy of the cachet which is rather neat and Joe, be careful that it isn't an April Fool joke.)

Re: Laconia, N. H. Sept. 22, 1935. Covers bearing this date were mailed for the air show sponsored by the Belknap Aero Club for the aid of the Belknap County airport. A certified copy of a letter received by Sedley Bartlett of Meredith, N. H., regarding this airport from the county commissioners, states that it will be several months before a dedication will be held. Mr. Bartlett is still holding covers.

Ft. Ogden, Fla., work started on airport, contact C. of C. . . Duncan, Okla., no dedication. . . Keystone Heights, Fla., do not know when airport will be completed. . . Lake Placid, N. Y., seeking airport. C. of C. will hold covers. . . Cachets for the arrival of the Zeppelin LZ 129 on her maiden trip to the U. S. at Lakehurst on May 9 and for her departure on May 11 will be sponsored by H. C. Denegar, secretary of the American Cover Club, 210 Walnut Ave., Wanamassa Park, N. J. Deadline May 5, commemoratives appreciated. . . Williamsport, Pa., WPA funds granted, work to start soon.

Capt. Maurice Rossi of France is planning a round trip between Paris and New York City this summer. He plans on covering the round trip in 48 hours flying time.

WPA PROJECTS APPROVED

The Air Commerce Bulletin gives the following list of airports receiving WPA funds and we ask those near to these ports to give us any information on them regarding possible dedications.

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Connecticut—New Haven.
Florida—Ft. Lauderdale, Lakeland, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Vero Beach.
Georgia—Thomasville.
Idaho—Aberdeen, Hailey, Idaho Falls, Gooding, Osborn (new airport), Preston, St. Anthony (new airport).

Co-ops: Rex Copp, W. C. Moxley, Sedley Bartlett, and others.

Exhibition News

Among the features of the coming exhibition to be held in New York in May are to be special exhibits from many foreign governments. The General Post Office of the British Government will send a talking motion picture which will give the story of the preparation of the recent Silver Jubilee issues.

Another part of the picture deals with the historical introduction of the postage stamp, dating back from the time of Rowland Hill.

Practically all available booths for the show have been subscribed for and a sum of several thousand dol-

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The fleet maneuvers will take place from April 27th to June 10th. Lloyd Nace, 3611 Hamilton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, will sponsor a series of cachets to commemorate different events during the maneuvers. Due to the split-up in the fleet this will take 20 covers for a complete set. Covers should reach Mr. Nace by April 1st. Use 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " size envelopes unsealed and unstuffed together with the usual 1c per cover forwarding charge.

FOREIGN LOCATIONS

Mr. Wayne Erwin, 503 W. Grant Street, Kelso, Washington, will provide unique cachets that every collector will probably want for his collection. These cachets will be mailed on 14 naval ships in foreign ports. Two beautiful cachets have been made in seven colors. The first cachet pictures a sailor mounted on an Elephant, the second is a naval ship with its guns, etc. This will be an expensive cachet for Mr. Erwin but he states 1c per cover is all that is required for each cover. Send 14 covers if the entire set is wanted although duplicates can be had if desired. Please use smooth 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " size white bond envelopes for best results. Covers should be 3c rate as they will return all the way from Asia. Commemorative on wrapper appreciated.

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The Commodore John Barry Chapter of the U. S. C. S. will sponsor a virkotyped printed cachet for the First Day in Commission of the U.S.S. Reid. Send 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " unstuffed envelopes at once. Dead line April 10. Send covers to George K. Handle, 2052 McGalliard Avenue, Trenton, N. J. Commemoratives on wrappers appreciated and no postage dues accepted.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CACHET

Mr. R. W. Speakman, Cachet Director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, Miami, Fla., states that Miami will sponsor a printed cachet commemorating the double event of the 100th Anniversary of Dade County and Pan-American Day on April 14th. Cachets will be applied to First Class mail only and covers must be on hand by April 10th to facilitate printing. Ship cancellations will be applied on request if any ships are in Port. Commemoratives on cover appreciated.

ADMIRAL BYRD CACHET

I have seen a copy of the cachet to be applied to covers on the visit of Rear Admiral Byrd when he visits Worcester, Mass. on April 1st, 1936. Please see that your package has sufficient postage as postage dues will be refused. Use commemoratives on wrapper, however, no forwarding postage has been requested. Send covers to Joseph C. Hannigan, 141 Water Street, Worcester, Mass.

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DEMONETIZING BRITISH STAMPS

It seems to be the custom in Great Britain to change stamps as it is obliged to change rulers and when the change in stamps is made it has been the custom to demonetize the previous issue. This however is done in a regular manner by serving notice on the public so that innocent holders of stamps for postal use may have an opportunity to trade the old stamps for the new and thus avoid loss.

The question now arises in the minds of some of our readers who have been putting cash into the Jubilee issues, as to whether these will be demonetized as soon as the new Edwardian stamps make their appearance and if so, will the holders of the Jubilee stamps suffer loss.

It seems to us to be a silly thing to worry over on the part of the collector for it is a fact that the values of our stamps are adjusted by the supply and demand among collectors and not by any rules laid down by the British Government.

Should the British Government demonetize and then throw remainders on the market there would be just cause for worry or complaint, but it has not been the custom either of the British Government or of its colonies to do this, therefore the values are to be maintained by the supply and demand and the market among collectors.

Another reason a collector need not worry about these matters, especially with the Jubilee issues, is because the value among collectors has already risen to several times the actual face or postal value of the stamps and it is almost certain that any collector who may have been fortunate enough to have obtained his copies at face value, the only amount at which they would be acceptable for postage, will never need worry about getting face for them as dealers will gladly take up the burden laid down by the British Government.

Attention has been called to a situation where in the past, certain demonetized stamps were refused by British dealers when sent in remittance by foreign customers.



"Among the fellows who write about stamps," declares Hor-
tense, the philatelic cat, "the practice of hanging a string of initials after their names is becoming quite common. But that doesn't fool anybody. A wagonload of phony degrees wouldn't be excuse for some of the tripe in some of the stamp magazines."

"Fawncy" American Stamp Dealers turning down old issues of U. S. stamps if remitted to them for face value in payment for other stamps.

The demonetizing of stamps of the more sound countries has never been a serious matter and as matters have been there has been slight loss to collectors on account of such demonetization.

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COFFEYVILLE STAMP CLUB

The editor wishes to thank the officers and members of the Coffeyville Stamp Club of Coffeyville, Kansas, for his election to Honorary Membership in their club. This is attested by receipt of a duly inscribed membership card in the club, the card will of course be kept "among my souvenirs."

NARIBO REPORTS BIG SALES

Messrs. Thorp & Martin Company of Boston, publishers of the popular line of Naribo Album Pages report a complete sell out of the first edition of their new sections for United States Issues. They state that this is a result of their continual advertising, which has created an excessive demand.

Double Print Fake

George Sloan tells of a double print block of the 1c Century of Progress on thick paper sent him for examination. Several wise owls had put an O. K. on it. Sloan finally split the block, finding that one block had been made translucent by some chemical and then pasted on the other so as to make an apparent shift of 1/8 inch. Be cautious when it comes to anything unusual!

I have just purchased a U.S. property of considerable value which will be sold in four or five auction sales by J. E. Rasdale of Elsie, Mich. The catalogues will be of interest to every serious collector and will be sent free on request.

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U. S. Stamp Pictures

Hardly a week goes by but what some of our readers send us evidence of the utter disregard that is shown for the law prohibiting illustration of U. S. stamps. This disregard however is held by the newspapers and magazines of the country, other than Philatelic Publications. Being so near to the law, philatelic publishers would doubtless be hailed before the court and soundly reprimanded if not otherwise chastized should they attempt to print pictures of the stamps of which they are doubtless the best defenders that the Treasury Department has.

The latest offense is a reproduction of an entire United States Postal Card in the January 1936 issue of the trade magazine, "Industrial Marketing." The picture appears in an advertisement and our attention is focused on the matter through the kindness of W. J. Ramsey of Lancaster, Pa.

Crack or Scratch

Mr. H. C. Sturdevant of Ableman, Wisconsin, reports what is evidently a crack or scratch in the blue plate of the new 16c Air Mail Special Delivery Stamp.

The stamp is from the left hand side of the sheet, just left of the vertical guide line as it has the guide line showing on the perforations at the right.

The scratch or crack starts at the top of the stamp, runs down through the "D" in Delivery and across the bottom edge, coming out through the "N" in Cents.

New Michigan Club

The Hillsdale Stamp Club has just been organized at Hillsdale, Mich., with the following officers: Pres. E. F. Vane, Osseo, Mich.; Vice Pres. Lewis E. Thompson, College Ave.; Sec. and Treas., R. Maystead, 20 So. Manning St., Hillsdale, Mich. Meetings are held at Room 9, of the High School, every Monday evening at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

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CHAPTER XIV

WOMEN as well as men have been conspicuous for their Christian faith and have rendered great service to the world. Some of these a grateful world has remembered and honored by giving them a place on the stamps. The old prejudice that women are inferior still persists in some places and has kept down the number of women so honored. In our modern and more progressive day, however, this is passing away and we may expect to see more and more great Christian Women on our stamps. In the past it has been the great masses of Christian women who have done most of the actual work of the church, especially the obscure and unpleasant work, while the minority of men have held the positions of honor and authority. For this reason it is especially fitting and proper that those Christian women who, in spite of handicaps and prejudices, have come to conspicuous attention should be honored both on the stamps and in these chapters.

The Middle Ages saw many Christians of noble birth and great wealth who took Christ's teachings very literally and went out in person to perform deeds of mercy with their own hands. Such a person was St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Her country in 1932 observed the 700th anniversary of her death by a stamp issue of two designs with two stamps bearing each (No. 458-461). The two lower values carry a head and shoulders portrait of St. Elizabeth bringing out clearly her refined and beautiful face. The two higher values bear a larger design showing a full-length portrait of St. Elizabeth ministering to a needy widow and her child.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Andrew II, King of Hungary. At the early age of fourteen she was married to Louis IV, Landgrave of Thuringia. She devoted her life to religion and to ministering to the needy. Her husband opposed her way of living, perhaps in part because of the expense of her charities and in part because of her neglect of the usual duties of her high station. Legend tells us that one day when she was starting out with a large package of bread to distribute among the needy her wrathful husband apprehended her and ordered her to open the package. When she opened it the bread had been changed into a mass of beautiful red roses. This miracle converted Louis and he no longer opposed her Christian activities. Soon her husband died and she became regent for her three children. The nobles opposed her on the grounds that her alms would ruin the finances of the state. They succeeded in driving her out and she became dependent upon charitable relatives. When her friends succeeded in gaining control of the government and offered to restore her to the regency she declined and spent the remainder of her life in seclusion ministering to the sick and needy. Such a life of practical Christian service and unselfish spirit won immediate recognition and only four years after her death in 1231 she was canonized as a saint. Hungary never

paid anyone a more highly merited honor than this one to St. Elizabeth.

We call attention to another illustration of a Christian woman upon the stamps more on account of the interesting story connected with it than for any great importance of the woman involved. We refer to the Duchess Mathilda of Lorraine of the eleventh century. She had much to do with the Orval Abbey of Belgium in its early days. Two sets of special postals have been issued by the Belgian government to aid in restoring the Abbey. We will discuss these sets in detail in a later chapter. Three of the stamps of the Belgian issue of 1928 (No. 408, 409, 411) bear a picture of Mathilda recovering her ring. The legend on which this is based relates that the Duchess, while laving her hand in the water of the fountain in the Court of Novices (shown on No. 473) accidentally lost her wedding ring in the fountain. She ardently prayed the Holy Virgin for its recovery and a trout bore it to the surface of the water to her in his mouth. From this the Abbey was named Orval, "val" meaning valley and "or" meaning gold. The stamp design shows a very unattractive picture of Mathilda in a rather peculiar costume for a Duchess. It does, however, show plainly the Duchess receiving the ring from the mouth of the trout. However historical this story may be it will add interest to these stamps when we make up our pane of Orval Abbey issues.

St. Helena is on the stamps primarily because a Portuguese explorer named the island that he discovered after her and this island in issuing stamps used her picture on just one stamp. This little island of St. Helena is only 47 square miles in area but is well known as being Napoleon's place of exile. In the issue of 1934 the 2sh6p value in carmine and black (No. 108) bears a full length portrait of St. Helena holding in her arms a cross as tall as herself. St. Helena was the wife of the Roman Emperor Constantius and the mother of Constantine, who is remembered for giving Christianity the official recognition of the Roman Empire. She was a Nicomedian and perhaps of lowly birth. When Constantius became Caesar he wanted a wife of higher degree and repudiated Helena to marry Theodora. However, her son Constantine was warmly attached to her and when he had become Emperor and shown his favor to Christianity she came under its influence and was converted at the age of sixty-four. It was after this age that she won the reputation which led to her canonization.

Hers was not, like so many, a mere political conversion but was of the deepest sincerity. So devout was she that the thoughts of the many deeds of blood of which her emperor son was guilty caused her great distress. When she had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven she resolved to go on a pilgrimage to Palestine in an effort to expiate her sins and also those of her son. While there she built at least two churches and is reputed to have discovered the True Cross on the site of Calvary. The Cross on the stamp is a reminder of this. The Church at Treves claims to possess the head of St. Helena and there are some of her bones in the Vatican and in other churches.

(Continued next week)

Roger Williams on Rhode Island Stamp in May

Postmaster General James A. Farley announced last night that he had authorized the issuance of and approved the design for the new Rhode Island Tercentenary commemorative postage stamp, which is to be released by the Post Office Department in May.

The new stamp, which is to be issued in connection with the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the State of Rhode Island, will be of the three-cent denomination and

Rhode Island. In a horizontal panel with white edges and dark background at the base of the stamp, arranged in two lines, will be the inscription "Rhode Island" above and "Tercentenary" below, both in white Roman lettering.

The date and place of first day sale for the new Rhode Island stamp will be announced later by the Post Office Department.

Thoughts

BY DON HOUSEWORTH

I recently clipped the following item from an Australian newspaper:

Collectors, when buying used Australian Commonwealth stamps, particularly those of high values, should examine the cancellation (postmark). Such stamps are very often cancelled by the Telegraph Department, and in that case they are the property of the Postmaster-General. Anybody found in possession of stamps so cancelled is liable to a heavy fine.

My wife (durn it) was the first in our family to penetrate the new Japanese state of Manchukuo and grab a quantity of stamps from there. She corresponds with a young Chinese in college in Mukden and he says he knows of but one other postage stamp collector in the city. Also that he was unable to purchase a stamp album there. Mukden, by the way, has a population of 160,000.

In Switzerland the franking privilege is extended to quite a number of institutions and charitable agencies and franchise stamps are printed for this particular use. The old coat of arms design has given way to a more attractive series which pictures a

nurse, a nun and Jean Henri Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross.

There has been no wholesale market on the Italian Propagation of the Faith issue for some months but I note that the stamps are again obtainable in this country but the wholesale listings are better than half catalogue. These are the strikingly designed stamps that picture Christ and his disciples.

Harking back a paragraph or so to the Chinese collector. He recently sent some postmarks of Manchukuo and they are beautiful things. As large as a silver dollar, each embodies such symbolic designs as dragons, herons, etc. Covers from there are something to show the club.

A unique mint block of four of the 2d brown stamps of Cook Islands recently changed hands. This block consists of stamps with the figures of value missing and is worth about \$200. It is reported that originally an entire sheet of sixty stamps was issued in this condition and some forty are believed to have reached collectors.

Cook Islands stamps have had a hectic history since the first crude issue was produced in 1892 in New Zealand. The stamps first bore the inscription "Cook Islands Federation" and that gave way to "Cook Islands" in the second issue. "Rarotonga" became the third name in 1919 but three years ago stamps for "Cook Islands" again were placed in circulation.

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The central design of the new issue will be a likeness of Roger Williams, modeled from a photograph of the Roger Williams statue in the public park of the same name in Providence, state capital. The title, "Roger Williams" will be inscribed on the base of the statue. Between the base of the statue and the right border of the stamp will be a circular panel with white background, enclosed in which will be the denomination designation "3c" in dark lettering. In a corresponding position at the left of the new stamp will be a reproduction of the central design of the State Seal of



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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Official Stamps. Another to add to the list noted by us Feb. 29th:

Overprinted "M. O. P."
A135—10c. carmine
(H. G. Spanton)

AUSTRIA—Semi-Postal Stamps. Another winter sports set, similar to Scott's #887-90. Large photogravure stamps, 29x39mm. perf. to perf., depicting winter sports. Three different aspects of skiing on the lower values and the highest value is pictorial. Sheets of 50, unwmkd., perf. 12½:

12gr. plus 12gr. deep myrtle green
24gr. plus 24gr. purple
35gr. plus 35gr. carmine
60gr. plus 60gr. deep blue

(R. Roberts)

The above set was issued in February in connection with the FIS games held at Innsbruck. It is also reported that another new set, or perhaps only a single stamp, will be issued again this year for Mother's Day, the beginning of May.

(Nick Augustin)

BRAZIL—A further value in the Farroupilha set. Same design as the 200r gray black chronicled Feb. 22nd. Also by the way, in our correction of last week, we also failed to mention that the two values chronicled Feb. 22nd, were one and the same stamp, but due to receiving the information from two different sources and in different manner, we noted the second one in error. One below is on thick horizontally laid paper, perf. 11:

300r. claret

Cairu Commemorative. Small square format, thin line around edge of perforations as a border for the stamp. Value in figures across the bottom, country name across the top. Perf. 11½ x 11:

1,200r. lilac
(Fort Worth Stamp Co.)

BULGARIA—Scott's type A92. with watermark wavy lines vertically, perf. 13:

1L. green
2L. rose
6L. blue

(R. Roberts)

COSTA RICA—Cocos Island Issue. Values and colors noted Feb. 8th. Stamps are transverse rectangular format, 38 x 24mm., printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10). Unwmkd., perf. 14, except the 25c which is perf 11½.

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ECUADOR—Darwin Stamps. Designs same as noted Feb. 8th:

2c. black
5c. olive
10c. brown
20c. lilac
1S. red
2S. blue

(Perrone & Campana)

We have seen only the 2c of the above set and it is horizontal rectangular in shape, with the numeral of value in the upper left corner and the commemorative dates "1855" and "1935" in the lower left and right corners respectively. Just what the other values are like we do not know.

EGYPT—New modified type, similar to Scott's A43, inscription at right reading up "POSTES" instead of "QUATRE MILLS." Figure "4" is smaller with "MILLS" underneath in the value tablets, both in English and Arabic. The inscription at the right in Arabic is that of "POSTES," instead of value:

4m. very deep green

(R. Roberts)

GERMANY—Automobile Commemoratives. Short set, issued February 24th, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the automobile. Numerals of value in upper corners, with name of personage shown on the stamp, across the top between the numerals. "Deutsche Kraftwagen" reading down, along the right side. The word "Kraftwagen" is a typical new German word and correctly translated means "power-wagon":

6pf. green (Gottlieb Daimler)
12pf. dark red (Carl Benz)

(Nick Augustin)

GREAT BRITAIN—The latest value of the Photogravure printing, issued February 20th. Not quite so attractive looking as some of the other values. Sheets of 240, perf. 14½ x 14, comb machine:

A89—5p. orange brown

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO—Limited Issue. Under-noted photogravure printing, unwmkd., perf. 10½. Nearly all of the issue sent to the Interior and no one seems to know to what place:

A109—2c. green

(R. Roberts)

SPAIN—40th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Madrid Press Association. Two long sets. Postage stamps issued February 14th to 28th. Airmail stamps issued March 11th to 25th. Quantities printed were: Postage: 170,000 each of the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 15c; 95,000 each of the 20c and 25c; 420,000 of the 30c; 45,000 each of the 40c and 60c; 175,000 of the 50c; 40,000 of the 1P; 20,000 of the 2P; 18,000 of the 4P, and 17,000 of the 10P. Air Mail: 1c and 2c, 170,000 each; 5c, 15c, 25c, 120,000 each; 10c, 200,000; 20c, 100,000; 30c, 270,000; 40c, 45,000; 50c, 125,000; 60c and 1P, 50,000 each; 2P, 20,000; 4P, 18,000; and 10P, 17,000. Special Delivery: 20c, 120,000. Colors and designs will be given in our next issue.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS— Additional values to go with those noted Feb. 8th. Same design:

2c green
6c red
25c red and purple (center second color)

Negri Sembilan. Another value to go with the set chronicled Jan. 18th and Feb. 8th. Same design:

A4—50c black on emerald

Pahang. Ditto Negri Sembilan:

A7—50c black on emerald

Perak. Ditto Pahang:

A14—50c black on emerald

Selangor. Ditto Perak:

A12—50c black on emerald

(R. Roberts)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Official Stamps. Rotary printing. Wider space between "OFFICIAL" and "OFFISIEEL." 21 mm. between the words, instead of 18mm. as previously:

A17—2sh6p brown and green
A18—2sh6p brown and green

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—Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

AKRON 4c BURO

Such a paroxysm, as sending out a 4c sheet stamp to Akron when it has hardly been six months since the journals were spreading the news that there was no need of a 4c buro at Akron and the stamps were being returned. One wonders if the 4c coil stamps were actually destroyed. If not and they start them back towards Akron won't there be a lot of embarrassed people. If I was considering purchasing a 4c Akron coil stamp, I think I would hold up a while or get some understanding as to a refund in case there are some of the coils released with the sheet stamps. You can bet your bottom dollar if the old 4c coils are returned to Akron they never will be as scarce as before.

MOST BIDS

In Recent Hoover Bros. Auctions they conduct a little guessing contest. If you guess the lot number that gets the most bids you get 50c net deducted from your auction bill. The lot that received the most bids in a very recent auction and which will surprise a lot of you was on a 14c Rochester No. 85 item. To my way of thinking this does not signify that the 14c Rochester is extremely scarce, but that collectors are trying not to be caught short on any item and are trying to get them as soon as possible.

LOUISVILLE V LIKE T

Saw a 1½c B-11 item with the lower part of the V squeezed in till it almost made a perfect vertical line, and the top of the V was so inked that to all appearances it was a fairly good T. Closer study under a glass showed that it was simply one of the many mishaps that occur to plates while be-

ing handled and was only a poorly inked and damaged letter. Moral: don't jump to a conclusion too quickly about errors on B-11 type precancels.

7c BI-CENT ST. LOUIS

Only the ½c and the 2c in several positions are listed in the catalog, so when I just recently came upon the 7c from this place I could not help but feel that it was a good and scarce item. I have been getting the Missouri Mule regularly and don't remember any mention of the stamp, and I don't think it is so common that it does not need mentioning. How about it, you Missouri collectors?

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The third edition of this helpful booklet for beginners is now available and can be procured from none other than my old friend, A. F. Gamber, 326 Riverside Ave., Valley City, N. Dak. Write him. There always was a slight charge to cover postage, something like 6c, but I am not sure of this yet. My copy was sent me in a precancelled envelope from Valley City.

NOTES

Sherman Texas on a 2c Park in U-1. From different sources comes the ½c ord. from Sisseton S. Dak. in U-12 and also U-120. Next thing we know there will be a buro from there. I wonder if some of my readers can help me out on the following buro items: Wichita 51, Dallas 2, Schuylerville 102, and Bridgeport 101. Trade or cash.

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By Bi Stander

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A young girl who lives in a small house in the suburbs of New York is eaten up with envy for one of her girl chums who dwells in an apartment house nearby found a Captain Tim blank stamp book that was put

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